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Subject: OutbreakNet Funding

Hi Pat—

We propose the following changes to the budget for the OutbreakNet funding in order to better achieve the core area of “environmental health assessment” required under the cooperative agreement (Section II. Program Implementation). First, we recommend that the “Foodborne Epidemiologist” FTE (\$57,930) described under “Personnel” in the proposed budget be changed to a Food and Drug Inspector III (\$49,175 salary; \$66,401 with fringe). The latter will be a qualified supervisory position that will manage the local environmental assessments during clusters, outbreaks and complaints, obtain product samples for laboratory testing, and gather information for tracing food sources, consistent with the funding opportunity requirements. Costs including fringe have been adjusted on the attached worksheet consistent with the hiring of a Food and Drug Inspector III at Step 3. This adjustment to the budget would also save funds from the originally proposed position.

In addition, to further support the required elements for environmental health assessments, specifically the training of local environmental health specialists in methods of basic outbreak investigation and related outreach efforts, we propose funding for a part-time Health Educator (\$30,887 including fringe). This funding would complement current support from the RRT cooperative agreement for an existing FPP Health Educator (Colleen Kuchar) and advance the position to full time.

In order to support the Health Educator position described, BEH/FPP suggests that the Chef Mapper (\$32,000) described in Section D of the proposed budget instead be funded through a carry forward request based on the RRT cooperative agreement.

Funding for both of the above positions would link key elements of both cooperative agreements to better address all elements of effective foodborne illness outbreak control.

Thanks.

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